

capture system 25. For example, image processor 61 may alter the resolution of the digitized image from ADC 33. Format processor 63 allows the data format of the digitized image to be changed prior to being stored in RAM 39 via bus 52. For example, format processor 63 may present the data representing the digitized image to RAM 39 in single or multi-bit per pixel format. Format processor 63 also communicates with a host via bus 52. --

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel Claim 3.

1. A method for calibrating a scanner being coupled to a host computer, the method comprising:  
retrieving operational data from a memory element of the host computer;  
evaluating the retrieved data for degradation in the operation of the scanner using a calculated percentage of change between past and present operational data; and  
calibrating the scanner to overcome the degradations,  
wherein the operational data includes information obtained from previous scans and calibrations.
9. A system for calibrating a scanner being coupled to a host computer, the system comprising:  
a retrieving means for obtaining operational data from a memory element of the host computer;  
an evaluating means for analyzing the retrieved data for degradation in the operation of the scanner; and  
a calibrating means for allowing the scanner to overcome the degradations,  
wherein the operational data includes information obtained from previous scans and calibrations, and the evaluating means includes a calculating means to determine the percentage of change between past and present operational data.